

Based upon the submission of the amended sheets of claims, Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits of the application containing pages of description 1 - 5 and claims 5 - 18 as originally submitted and amended pages of description 2a and claims 1 - 4 (in place of originally filed claims 1 - 4).

Additionally, prior to the examination of the above-identified application including replacement claims 1 - 4, amendment of claims as follows, is respectfully requested to remove multiple dependent claims.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows (Marked-up copies of the amended claims are attached as an Appendix):

4. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the thermal expansion coefficient in the contact surfaces (3, 4) of the base body (1, 1') and of the processing element (2, 2') is identical within $\pm 25\%$.

5. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the base body (1, 1') and processing element (2, 2') are joined together at their contact surfaces (3, 4) by adhesive forces.

8. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the base body (1, 1') and the corresponding processing element (2, 2') are joined together by several spaced mounting elements.

9. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that strips (4) are

produced towards the fibrous material side during manufacture of the processing element (2, 2').

A3 11. (Amended) Method according to claim 9, characterized in that the strips (4) are provided with a projection (c) above the base of the groove, which is between 1 and 20 mm.

12. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the processing elements (2, 2') are provided with an essentially smooth surface on the faces (11).

13. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the processing elements (2, 2') are provided with an essentially porous surface (11) on the faces (11').

14. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that at least one recess (6') is made in the base body (1'), into which an elevation (7') on the processing element (2, 2') fits when the processing element (2, 2') and base body (1') are joined.

15. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the base body (1, 1') is embodied in annular form.

16. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the form of the base body (1, 1') is essentially that of an annular segment.

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing replacement sheets upon which the International Preliminary Examination Report is based and amendment of the claims are respectfully requested.